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DRAFT CLAIMS FOR DISCUSSION

1. A transgenic chicken having a transgene in the genetic material of its germ-line tissue, wherein the transgene is a replication-defective viral vector comprising an exogenous nucleic acid sequence encoding a protein selected from the group consisting of an interferon  $\alpha$ , erythropoietin or GM-CSF, and a constitutive promoter, in operational and positional relationship to express said exogenous nucleic acid sequence.

2. A method for producing a transgenic chicken, which method comprises:

- a) providing a retroviral vector that comprises a protein coding sequence and a constitutive promoter operably linked to said coding sequence, where said promoter drives expression of the coding sequence in the tubular gland cells of a chicken oviduct;
- b) introducing said vector into chicken stage X embryonic cells;
- c) nurturing growth of a mature chimeric chicken from said cells;
- d) mating said chimeric chicken, either naturally or via artificial insemination with a host wild type chicken;
- e) screening the progeny of step d) for germ line expression of the protein coding sequence.

3. A method for producing an exogenous protein in an egg of a chicken, said protein selected from the group consisting of an interferon  $\alpha$ , erythropoietin and GM-CSF, comprising:

- a) providing a retroviral vector that comprises a protein coding sequence and a constitutive promoter operably linked to said coding sequence, where said promoter drives expression of the coding sequence in the tubular gland cells of a chicken oviduct;
- b) introducing said vector into chicken stage X embryonic cells;
- c) nurturing growth of a mature chimeric chicken from said cells;
- d) mating said chimeric chicken, either naturally or via artificial insemination with a host wild type chicken;

- e) screening the progeny of step d) for germ line expression of the protein coding sequence;
  - f) mating the transgenic progeny with wild type chicken to produce eggs containing the exogenous protein.
4. The method of claim 3 further comprising extracting the exogenous protein from the egg.